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| 19 | V. |) MOTION TO MODIFY PATENT LOCAL) RULES SCHEDULE TO ACCELERATE |
| 20 | SENCO PRODUCTS, INC., an Ohio corporation; and DOES 1 – 100, |) IDENTIFICATION OF CLAIMED) INVALIDATING PRIOR ART |
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| 22 | Defendants. |) Date: May 23, 2008) Time: 11:00 a.m. |
| 23 | |) Hon. Barry T. Moskowitz |
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I, MELODY A. KRAMER, declare:

- 1. I am not a party to the present action. I am over the age of eighteen. I have personal knowledge of the facts contained within the following paragraphs, and could and would competently testify thereto if called as a witness in a court of law.
- 2. At all times relevant herein I have been an attorney for Sorensen Research and Development Trust ("Sorensen"), Plaintiff in the above-captioned matter.
- 3. This declaration is made in support of Plaintiff's Motion to Modify Patent Local Rules Schedule to Accelerate Identification of Claimed Invalidating Prior Art.
- 4. In July 2007 and December 2007, respectively, defendants in the related Black & Decker case¹ filed requests for *ex parte* reexamination of the '184 patent with the USPTO. Attached hereto as Exhibit A and B are true and correct copies of relevant pages of said Requests for Ex Parte Reexamination.
- 5. The prior art cited in the second *ex parte* request contained several prior art references that had not been disclosed to Sorensen in either of the parties' Preliminary Invalidity Contentions served on February 2, 2007 (Exhibit C), nor the Amended Preliminary Invalidity Contentions served on March 5, 2007 (Exhibit D), nor the first *ex parte* request (Exhibit A). Attached hereto as Exhibits C and D are true and correct copies of Black & Decker's Preliminary Invalidity Contentions and Amended Preliminary Invalidity Contentions.
- 6. In the course of the present reexamination proceedings, Sorensen has, to our knowledge, identified to the USPTO all claimed invalidating prior art identified to Sorensen to date from any source.
- 7. Although Sorensen has been in contact with Senco directly or indirectly regarding the '184 patent for several years, none of the correspondence between the

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¹ Sorensen v. Black & Decker Corporation, et al, Case No. 06cv1572

parties in this case has ever included any identification of any prior art or other basis for invalidity of the '184 patent. Thus, Sorensen has been unable to ensure that these Defendants' asserted prior art will be reviewed by the USPTO. Attached hereto as Exhibit E is a true and correct copy of a document 8. from the USPTO explaining a rule change regarding successive reexaminations on the same patent. DATED this Wednesday, March 26, 2008. /s/ Melody A. Kramer Melody A. Kramer, Esq.

EXHIBIT A

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Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. (Also referred to as FORM PTO-1465) REQUEST FOR EX PARTE REEXAMINATION TRANSMITTAL FORM Address to: Mail Stop Ex Parte Reexam **Commissioner for Patents** Attorney Docket No.: X32441 P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Date: July 30, 2007 1. ☑ This is a request for ex parte reexamination pursuant to 37 CFR 1.510 of patent number 4.935,184 issued June 19, 1990 . The request is made by: □ patent owner. ★ third party requester. Arnold Turk, Esq. Greenblum & Bernstein, P.L.C. 1950 Roland Clarke Place, Reston, VA 20191 3. \(\times \) a. A check in the amount of \$2.520.00 is enclosed to cover the reexamination fee, 37 CFR 1.20(c)(1); ⊠ b. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(c)(1) to Deposit Account No. 19-0089 (submit duplicative copy for fee processing); or ☐ c. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. 4. ✓ Any refund should be made by □ check or ✓ credit to Deposit Account No. 19-0089 37 CFR 1.26(c). If payment is made by credit card, refund must be to credit card account. 5. A copy of the patent to be reexamined having a double column format on one side of a separate paper is enclosed. 37 CFR 1.510(b)(4) 6. □ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, Computer Program (Appendix) or large table ☐ Landscape Table on CD 7.

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Statements verifying identity of above copies 8. \(\subseteq \text{ A copy of any disclaimer, certificate of correction or reexamination certificate issued in the patent is included. 9. \boxtimes Reexamination of claim(s) 1, 2, 4, 6-10 _is requested. 10.

A copy of every patent or printed publication relied upon is submitted herewith including a listing thereof on Form PTO/SB/08, PTO-1449, or equivalent. 11.

An English language translation of all necessary and pertinent non-English language patents and/or printed publications is included.

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This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.510. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. § 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS: SEND TO: Mail Stop Ex Parte Reexam, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

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REQUEST FOR EX PARTE REEXAMINATION PURSUANT TO 35 U.S.C. § 302 AND 37 § C.F.R. 1.510

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 302 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.510, the Third Party Requester hereby requests that reexamination of the above-identified patent be ordered by the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office.

I. **CLAIMS FOR REEXAMINATION**

Reexamination of claims 1, 2, 4 and 6-10 of U.S. Patent No. 4,935,184 ("the '184 patent") is requested and believed to be in order. The '184 patent is not expired and is still enforceable. A copy of the '184 patent is attached hereto as Appendix A as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.510(b)(4).

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II. SUBSTANTIAL NEW QUESTIONS OF PATENTABILITY

Substantial new questions of patentability are raised based upon the following patents and printed publications:

| | Pat | ents and Published Patent Ap | plications | |
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| Reference | Country | Applicant or Assignee | Issue Date | Statutory |
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| 2,863,241 | U.S. | Gits | 12/09/58 | 102(b) |
| 3,178,497 | U.S. | Moscicki | 04/13/65 | 102(b), 103(a) |
| 4,422,995 | U.S. | Schad | 12/27/83 | 103(a) |
| 4,440,820 | U.S. | Shiho et al. | 04/03/84 | 102(b), 103(a) |
| 1 850 999 | Germany | Echterholter | 05/03/62 | 102(b), 103(a) |
| | (DE) | | (published) | |
| 2 004 494 | U.K. | SEIMA | 04/04/79 | 102(b), 103(a) |
| | (GB) | | (published) | |
| 60-119520 | Japan | Toyota Motor | 08/13/85 | 102(b), 103(a) |
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A copy of each reference that has a bearing on the patentability of the claims of the '184 patent (including English translations thereof as appropriate) is enclosed in Appendix B herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.510(b)(3). The cover page of Appendix B lists the identified references in a PTO/SB/08 form.

With the exception of the Schad reference, none of the other identified references were cited by either the applicant or the Examiner during prosecution of the application that issued as the '184 patent. These newly cited references are more relevant than the art cited and considered during prosecution of the '184 patent.

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| | A5 | JP 59-199227 | 11/12/1984 | IDEMITSU SEKIYU KAGAKU KK | | Tr. |
| | A6 | JP 60-154022 | 08/13/1985 | FUJITSU, LTD. | | Tr. |
| | A7 | JP 58-82401 | 05/18/1983 | NISSAN MOTOR CO., LTD. | | Tr. |
| | A8 | JP S52-51449 | 04/25/1977 | KABUSHIKI KAISHA YOSHINO KOGYOSHO | | Tr. |
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| | A10 | WRIGHT, "New Vigor for Two-Shot Molding with Automation," <i>Modern Plastics</i> , Vol. 45, No. 9, May 1968, pp. 78 – 83. | |
| | A11 | Plaintiff's Amended Preliminary Claim Constructions and Extrinsic Evidence, SORENSEN v. THE BLACK & DECKER CORPORATION ET AL., U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California, Case No. 06-cv-1572 BTM (CAB). | |
| | A12 | SORENSEN v. INTERNATIONAL TRADE COM'N., 427 F.3d 1375 (Fed. Cir. 2005) | |
| ***** | A13 | Deposition of Paul P. Brown, December 19, 2006, SORENSEN v. THE BLACK & DECKER CORPORATION ET AL., U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California, Case No. 06-cv-1572 BTM (CAB). | |
| | A14 | Plaintiffs' Local Civil Rule 56.1 Statement of Material Facts in Opposition to Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment of Invalidity Based on Prior Art, U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey Newark Vicinage, CIV. No. 03-1763(HAA). | |
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REQUEST FOR EX PARTE REEXAMINATION PURSUANT TO 35 U.S.C. § 302 AND 37 C.F.R. § 1.510

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CLAIMS FOR REEXAMINATION I.

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II. SUBSTANTIAL NEW QUESTIONS OF PATENTABILITY

Substantial new questions of patentability are raised by the following patents and printed publications:

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| Reference No. | erence No. Country | | Applicant or Assignee | | Publication Date | Statutory Basis |
| S59-199227 | Japan | - | Idemitsu Sekiyu Kagaku | K.K. | 11/12/84 | 102(b), 103(a) |
| 60-154022 | Japan | | Fujitsu, Ltd. | | 08/13/85 | 102(b), 103(a) |
| 4,422,995 | United S | tates | Robert D. Schad | | 12/27/83 | 102(b), 103(a) |
| 58-82401 | Japan | | Nissan Motor Co., Ltd. | | 05/18/83 | 102(b), 103(a) |
| 4,508,676 | ,508,676 United States | | Jens O. Sorensen | | 04/02/85 | 102(b), 103(a) |
| 3,375,554 | 75,554 United States | | Armin Blumer | | 04/02/68 | 102(b), 103(a) |
| S52-51449 | Japan | | Kabushiki Kaisha Yoshi Kogyosho | no | 04/25/77 | 102(b), 103(a) |
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| Sumitomo Heavy Indus., Ltd. | | Pron | nat 100-100/100 | Admitted prior art | | 102(b),103(a) |
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A copy of each reference relied upon in this reexamination request (including any English translations) is enclosed in Exhibit B. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 1.510(b)(3). The identified references are listed in a PTO/SB/08 form, attached to this request. Except for Schad '995, Promat 100 and Sorensen '676 (all used only for secondary teachings), none of these references were cited during the original prosecution of the '184 patent. These newly cited references (or new combinations involving Schad '995, Promat 100 and Sorensen '676) are believed to be more relevant than the art cited and considered during original prosecution and, thus, raise substantial new questions of patentability. As discussed herein, the identified references anticipate or render obvious one or

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subsidiaries, if any, are added to the litigation.

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Plaintiff's preliminary infringement contentions pursuant to Patent L.R. 3.1 identify only claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 4,935,184 ("the '184 patent") as being asserted against Black & Decker. If additional claims are asserted, Black & Decker reserves the right to supplement its invalidity contentions to address all later asserted claims.

Black & Decker contends that Plaintiff's own claim construction contentions (as set forth, for example, in Plaintiff's Memorandum in Support of Summary Determination of Infringement, Doc. #33) render claim 1 invalid over the prior art. Black & Decker does not agree with the Plaintiff's claim construction (in fact, Black & Decker contends that many of the terms are incapable of reasonable construction as described in Section D. below) but has applied it here so that the focus of the parties' dispute is on the technical substance of the prior art and not on collateral claim construction issues. Black & Decker will set forth its complete claim construction position in the time and manner required under Patent L.R. 4.1.

A. The Identity of Prior Art

Black & Decker identifies the following categories of prior art:

Prior Art Patents

| Patent Number | Country of Origin | <u>Date of Issue</u> |
|---------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| 2,510,091 | U.S. | June 6, 1950 |
| 2,863,241 | U.S. | December 9, 1958 |
| 3,164,864 | U.S. | January 12, 1965 |
| 3,178,497 | U.S. | April 13, 1965 |
| 3,466,700 | U.S. | September 16, 1969 |
| 3,807,920 | U.S. | April 30, 1974 |
| 4,242,391 | U.S. | December 30, 1980 |
| 4,422,995 | U.S. | December 27, 1983 |
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| 4,459,256 | U.S. | July 10, 1984 |
| 4,495,125 | U.S. | January 22, 1985 |
| 4,585,686 | U.S. | April 29, 1986 |
| 4,676,941 | U.S. | June 30, 1987 |
| 4,743,422 | U.S. | May 10, 1988 |
| 60-119520 (App. No. 59-7042) | Japan | August 13, 1985 (Pub. Date) |
| 61-47223 (App. No. 59-169665) | Japan | March 7, 1986 (Pub. Date) |
| 62- 279911 | Japan | December 4, 1987 (Pub. Date) |
| 55-071541 (App. No. 53-144859) | Japan | May 29, 1980 (Pub. Date) |
| App. No. GB 2004 494 A | UK | April 4, 1979 (Pub. Date) |
| Pub. No. WO 87/012329 | PCT/Priority U.S. | March 12, 1987 (Pub. Date) |

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| <u>Title</u> | Date of Publication | <u>Author</u> | Publisher |
|---|---------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Multi-Color Injection Moulding Machines for the Processing of Thermoplastic Materials | 1983 | Reiner Jensen | Krauss-Maffei AG |
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| New Vigor for Two-Shot Molding with Automation Versatility Ingenuity | May 1968 | Val Wright | Modern Plastics |

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| Parking Brake Grip | 9/10/82 to 7/2/86 | Phillips Plastics Corp. | Atwood Automotive |
| Automotive pushbuttons | 6/30/81 to 3/17/86 | Phillips Plastics Corp. | Ford Motor Co. |
| Knob Infinite Switch | 1/22/87 to 2/5/87 | Phillips Plastics Corp. | Jenn-Air Corp. |
| Button Release Assembly | 11/14/84 to 2/5/87 | Phillips Plastics Corp. | Eastman Kodak |
| S Series Camera Body | 6/14/86 to 2/5/87 | Phillips Plastics Corp. | Eastman Kodak |
| Two Shot Knob | 1/27/86 to 9/26/86 | Phillips Plastics Corp. | TRW |
| Set-Coast Switch, Part No. B9207-C | 8/8/85 to 10/85 | Phillips Plastics Corp. | Methode Electronics |
| GM Part No. 16508729 | 12/85 to 2/5/87 | Redoe Molding | General Motors |
| GM Part No. 16508885 - 886 | 12/85 to 2/5/87 | Hallmark Technologies | General Motors |
| BMW 528i Part No. 63 21 1 361 603 | 1979 | Krauss-Maffei AG | BMW |

B. Whether each item of prior art anticipates each asserted claim or renders it obvious.

Black & Decker contends that the following references anticipate claim 1 of the '184 patent: see Section C, Table 1.

Black & Decker contends that the following references in combination render obvious claim 1 of the '184 patent: see Section C, Table 2, and Table 3 Figures A, D, F and G.

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| Versatility Ingenuity | | | |

Prior Art Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

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1/22/87 to 2/5/87

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B. Whether each item of prior art anticipates each asserted claim or renders it obvious.

Black & Decker contends that the following references anticipate claim 1 of the '184 patent: see Section C, Table 1.

Black & Decker contends that the following references in combination render obvious claim 1 of the '184 patent: see Section C, Table 2, and Table 3 Figures A, D, F and G.

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EXHIBIT E

Notice of Changes in Requirement for a Substantial New Question of Patentability for a Second or Subsequent Request for Reexamination While an Earlier Filed Reexamination is Pending

A. Summary: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (Office) revised section 2240 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) in May of 2004 to set forth a new policy when a second or subsequent request for reexamination is filed while an "earlier filed reexamination" is **pending**, and the second or subsequent request cites only prior art (hereinafter "old art") which raised a substantial new question of patentability (SNQ) in the pending reexamination proceeding. See MPEP § 2240 (8th ed. 2001)(Rev. 2, May 2004). Under the new policy, the second or subsequent request for reexamination will be ordered only if that old prior art raises a substantial new question of patentability which is **different** than that raised in the pending reexamination proceeding. If the old prior art cited (in the second or subsequent request) raises only the same issues that were raised to initiate the pending reexamination proceeding, the second or subsequent request will be denied.

It is to be noted that reliance on prior art cited in the pending reexamination (old art) does not preclude the existence of a SNQ that is based exclusively on that old art. Determinations on whether a SNQ exists in such an instance shall be based upon a fact-specific inquiry done on a case-by-case basis. For example, a SNQ may be based solely on old art where the old art is being presented/viewed in a new light, or in a different way, as compared with its use in the earlier concluded examination(s), in view of a material new argument or interpretation presented in the request. The presentation/viewing of old art in a new light, or in a different way, is discussed in Ex parte Chicago Rawhide, 223 USPQ 351 (Bd. Pat. App. & Inter. 1984).

B. Background: A request for <u>ex parte</u> reexamination of a patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 302, and a request for interpartes reexamination of a patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 311, must raise a substantial new question of patentability (SNQ) in order for a reexamination of the patent to be initiated. More than one reexamination request may be filed for the same patent, and a second or subsequent reexamination request for reexamination of a patent, where a first reexamination proceeding is pending, has historically been granted based on the **same** prior art that raised the SNO in a pending first reexamination proceeding.

It has been the Office's experience, however, that both patent owners and third party requesters have used a second or subsequent reexamination request (based on the same substantial new question of patentability initially raised or existing in the pending reexamination proceeding) to prolong the reexamination proceeding, and in some instances, to turn it essentially into an inter partes proceeding. These actions by patent owners and third party requesters have resulted in multiple reexaminations taking years to conclude, thus making it extremely difficult for the Office to conclude reexamination proceedings with "special dispatch" as required by statute (35 U.S.C. 305 for ex parte reexamination, 35 U.S.C. 314 inter partes reexamination). For example, under the prior practice, a patent owner whose claims are rejected in a pending

reexamination proceeding could repeatedly file multiple ex parte reexamination requests based on the same substantial new question of patentability raised, or existing, in the pending reexamination proceeding. By doing so, the patent owner could keep the reexamination proceeding pending indefinitely, to delay the issue of a reexamination certificate canceling the claims of the patent being reexamined. Additionally, a third party requester could file a second or subsequent reexamination request, while a first reexamination proceeding is pending, based on the same substantial new question of patentability raised, or existing, in the first reexamination proceeding, in order to address any responses to Office actions made by the patent owner. This use of a second or subsequent reexamination request has permitted third party requesters to, in effect, obtain an inter partes type of reexamination process in an ex parte reexamination proceeding.

Moreover, concerns regarding lengthy ex parte reexamination pendency resulting from multiple reexamination request filings were raised by witnesses at the Office's Round Table on the Equities of Inter Partes Reexamination Proceedings held February 17, 2004.

C. Implementation of New Policy: Responsive to these concerns, the Office revised its policy to be as is now set forth in the current (May 2004) revision of MPEP § 2240, that is: the SNQ for a second or subsequent request for reexamination must be new and different than any SNQ that was raised, or existed, during any prior pending or concluded reexamination proceeding for the patent. This revised policy is consistent with the statutory mandate of special dispatch and the intent of the ex parte reexamination statute (an ex parte reexamination proceeding is not an inter partes type of reexamination process). Further, 35 U.S.C. 303(a) states that "[w]ithin three months following the filing of a request for reexamination under the provisions of section 302 of this title, the Director will determine whether a substantial new question of patentability affecting any claim of the patent concerned is raised by the request." It is reasonable to interpret this provision as requiring each request for reexamination to raise its own substantial new question of patentability as compared not only to the original prosecution (in the application for the patent) and any earlier, concluded reexamination proceedings, but to pending reexamination proceedings as well. To accompany the revision of MPEP § 2240, MPEP § 2640, which was newly added to the MPEP in May of 2004 to address inter partes reexamination proceedings, was drafted to implement this revision of policy for inter partes reexamination proceedings.

D. Transition Procedure: It is noted that, as a consequence of the changes made to MPEP § 2240, a patent owner will now be prevented from obtaining entry of an amendment and/or evidence not entered after final rejection in an ex parte reexamination proceeding by filing another request for reexamination based on the same substantial question of patentability raised/existing in the pending reexamination proceeding. In order to provide relief to the patent owner, the Office plans to propose a revision to the patent rules to provide for the filing of a request for continued reexamination (RCR) which would be similar to the request for continued examination (RCE) practice for applications. If the RCR practice is implemented, the patent owner, by filing an RCR, could obtain continued prosecution on the merits in the reexamination proceeding, including entry of an amendment and/or evidence that was denied entry after a final rejection in an ex parte reexamination proceeding or after an action closing prosecution in an inter partes reexamination proceeding.

Until these new rules become effective, however, patent owners are advised to use either: (1) the petition procedure under 37 CFR § 1.181 to seek review of a denial of entry of an amendment submitted after final rejection in an ex parte reexamination proceeding or after an action closing prosecution in an inter partes reexamination proceeding; or (2) the petition procedure under 37 CFR § 1.182 to seek relief that is not currently provided by an existing rule, but that would be provided when a new request for continued reexamination (RCR) practice is in effect.

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